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For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of
Making Same

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in reply to an Office Action mailed October 25, 2006, that established a one-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed.

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In view of the following remarks and arguments provided herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims pending in their Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application as provided in:

Listing of Claims that begin on page 3;

Remarks that begin on page 6; and

Conclusion that begins on page 7 of this paper.